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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.181 FOR CONSIDERATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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SIR:

Applicants filed a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) on January 2, 2002. A copy of the Supplemental IDS, as filed and a copy of the return postcard evidencing receipt of the IDS by the PTO is enclosed. This Supplemental IDS, although properly filed, has not been considered.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the references enclosed with the originally filed Supplemental IDS and to initial and return the Form 1449 to the undersigned. Appln. No.: 09/907,369

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It is respectfully requested that issuance of the above-identified application be suspended until the IDS has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures:

Supplemental IDS and PTO-1449 as previously filed

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Dated: December 30, 2003

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Sir:

Applicants filed on December 30, 2003 a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.181 for Consideration of Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (copy attached). The Section 1.181 Petition was not properly adjudicated, which necessitates Applicants' filing of this Petition Under Section 1.182. Because the error of not properly adjudicating the Petition was the fault of the Patent Office, Applicants are not including any petition fee. However, if a petition fee is necessary, please charge our Account No. 18-0350.

In response to Applicants' Petition Under Section 1.181, the Examiner issued the attached communication stating that "The 1449 has not been considered as the case has already been allowed." However, the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) in question was filed on January 2, 2002 and was not considered by the Examiner. A copy of the Supplemental IDS, as filed, and a copy of the return postcard evidencing receipt of the IDS by the PTO is enclosed. This Supplemental IDS, although properly and timely filed, has not been considered.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the references enclosed with the originally filed Supplemental IDS and to initial and return the Form 1449 to the undersigned.

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It is respectfully requested that issuance of the above identified application be <u>suspended</u> until the IDS has been considered.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel N. Calder, Reg. No. 27,424

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Attachments: Transmittal Form;

Copy of Supplemental IDS filed January 2, 2002;

Copy of Return Receipt Postcard receipt stamped January 22, 2002; Copy of Petition Under Section 1.181 dated December 30, 2003;

Copy of Office Communication dated April 27, 2004

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